



June 20, 2011

Dear FCC Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for AT&T's proposed acquisition of T-Mobile. This important transaction deserves approval for the many advantages it brings rural families and businesses.

My district in Washington State straddles Interstate 90 from the Snoqualmie National Forest to just east of Moses Lake. We are incredibly diverse: Moses Lake boasts one of the largest airports in the United States and its home to a world-class heavy jet training and testing facility. BMW announced they will be building a \$100 million carbon fiber manufacturing plant in Moses Lake. However, our economy is still largely agricultural, with farms growing potatoes, corn, onions, carrots and sugar beets. This economic diversity is our strength, but to continue and expand our progress, we need expanded access to high-speed mobile broadband. That's why I support the AT&T-T-Mobile merger.

By combining assets with T-Mobile, AT&T is able to expand the latest generation of broadband technology to more than 97% of the U.S. population, including citizens in more rural areas like those of my district. This represents an important opportunity for families and businesses to access to the latest technology which benefits communication, data transfer, economic development and education.

I believe that strong competition and the free market reduces prices for consumers while opening opportunities. The AT&T-T-Mobile merger will benefit the families and businesses in my district by leveling the technological playing field with urban areas.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Hinkle".

Rep. Bill Hinkle
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